



DIARY DATES

SENDCo Network Meetings

Meeting 2: Completing SEND Paperwork, referrals, requests and reviews, Tuesday 17th April, 12:30-4:00-Arbour Park Stadium

Meeting 3: Autism in the Mainstream Classroom, principles and practice, Wednesday 20th June, 12:30-4:00-venue tbc

New SENDCos Meetings

Tuesday 1st May 2018 2:30-4:30, Arbour Park Stadium

Thursday 12th July 2018 2:30-4:30, Arbour Park Stadium

SENDCo Support

The **Slough SENDCo Network** was launched in January 2018.

Its role is to help schools to provide the best possible inclusive provision for their SEND pupils by;

- * sharing and promoting good evidence based practice from both local and national sources
- * offering good quality training and information events
- * sign posting to further information sources, agencies, publications and government guidance.



The **Education Standards & Effectiveness Officer (SEND)** is a new position created by Slough Borough Council to;

Provide expert advice and consultation to education settings regarding SEND/Inclusion matters in schools.

Promote inclusion and encourage the development of best practice.

Deliver robust and comprehensive training, guidance and support across SENDCO network and individual schools as part of Slough's SEND improvements.

Advisory visits can be arranged by contacting Deborah.Bowers@slough.gov.uk



Slough SENDCo Network Newsletter Summer 2018

Hello and welcome all to our first newsletter which I hope you will find both interesting and informative.

I am extremely happy to report that our first SENDCo Network Meeting last term at Burnham Park Hall was a great success with over 40 attendees across the whole spectrum of SEND, from Early Years SENDCos to Further Education Inclusion Teams, parent groups and other SEND professionals.

Consultation

At this half day meeting, attendees met representatives from the Slough SEND Team, stated how they would like their SEND learning and development needs to be met and were encouraged to ask questions.

The **61** questions we received have been answered, will be emailed to all and form part of a Frequently Asked Questions section on the SENDCO Network pages of a new website that is being developed by Slough Borough Council.

New Website

Slough Borough Council has invested in an exciting new website to promote the services it provides to schools called **The**

Link. It will act as a one stop shop for all your queries. Watch this space for further details of the launch coming soon.

Training

I am hoping to continue and extend collaborative working practices and develop an annual programme of training and professional development (CPD) by inviting professionals from across the SEND landscape, including Health and Social Care as well as colleagues from neighbouring authorities. I am also organising meetings to support those who are new to being a SENDCo in Slough and those who are currently studying for the national qualification.

Please see the Diary Dates section for details.

Opportunities

SENDCos and other professionals will be encouraged to suggest areas for training and may be asked to deliver a presentation to promote their own examples of good practice.

Best Wishes

Debs Bowers

SEND LOCAL AND NATIONAL NEWS

EARLY HELP IS CHANGING

In March 2018, Slough Borough Council and Slough Children's Service Trust unanimously agreed to the de-commissioning of the current Early Help system in favour of a simpler multi-agency co-designed referral process.

The work to identify the strengths and weaknesses of Slough's existing model has been coordinated by Justin Daniels, Transformation Manager, Early Help, who will also be overseeing the implementation of an Early Help pilot and an interim case-management system prior to the full launch.

Schools will receive next step official guidance from SBC within the current

academic year. In the meantime, schools should carry on with their current systems.

THE NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY FREE TRAINING MODULE

Autism in women and girls continues to be under-diagnosed or misdiagnosed. This 120 minute online module aims to support diagnosticians to better understand autistic female characteristics and would also make useful CPD for SENCOs and teachers. <http://www.autism.org.uk/professionals/training-consultancy/online/women-and-girls.aspx>

Watch 'Diverted' a NAS 'Too Much Information' campaign film promoting

better understanding of the anxiety caused by unexpected changes and the adjustments everyone can make to help make the world a better place for autistic people.



[tps://nas-email.org.uk/YA3-5KEHT-1FRRVCHM06/cr.aspx](https://nas-email.org.uk/YA3-5KEHT-1FRRVCHM06/cr.aspx)

NATWEST has introduced new tools to help young people and children with special educational needs learn about money. To find out more go to mymoney-sense.com

SEND INFORMATION AND EVENTS



THE TES SEN SHOW 2018

5 – 6 OCTOBER 2018

THE BUSINESS DESIGN CENTRE, LONDON

This free-to-attend event has all the resources, ideas, advice and CPD training to provide teachers, SENCOs, support staff and parents with the tools and skills to help all pupils achieve.

<http://www.tessenshow.co.uk/>



The TES WEBSITE is free to join to gain access to educational materials, news and courses

<https://www.tes.com/>



NASEN LIVE 2018
ICC BIRMINGHAM, 6 JULY

A seminar programme and briefings designed for SENCOs, teachers and all practitioners to update their knowledge and network with one another. <http://www.nasen.org.uk/nasenlive/>

National Association of Special Educational Needs) is a charity organisation who have been operating since 1992 supporting thousands of practitioners by

providing relevant information, training and resources to enable staff to meet all pupils' needs.

Bronze membership (which is free) enables access to;

- SEND Gateway - an online portal for resources for SEND professionals
- Up to 9 hours of free online CPD with Focus on SEND Training
- Monthly member newsletters keeping you up to date and informed with the latest nasen news


Silver and Gold are charged at both individual and organisation rates. <http://www.nasen.org.uk/>

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<https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/referrals/>
For NHS Speech and Language drop in sessions, Health Visitor Baby Clinics, Baby Massage, Breast Feeding at Slough Children's Centres
<https://www.sloughfamilyservices.org.uk/kb5/sloughcst/directory/directory.page?directorychannel=4>